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SUBJ: TRAVELING ECONOMIC SEMINAR

REF: (A) BOGOTA 10053; (B) LA PAZ 7413; (C) BOGOTA 10285;

(D) QUITO FM #9; (E) USIA 23904; (F) BOGOTA 10387

1. SEMINAR FORMAT AS OUTLINED IN REF. E NOT THE WAY I
UNDERSTOOD SIMULTANEOUS SEMINARS AS DISCUSSED IN JULY 9-10
ANDEAN COOP PAO MEETING HERE.

2. ONLY DISCUSSION OF SENDING PARTICIPANTS TO COLOMBIA
CONCERNED ECUADOREANS INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFIC CONTROL,
WHICH WE AGREED TO. BUT I DO NOT RECALL OFFERING TO SEND
PARTICIPANTS TO AN ECONOMIC SEMINAR IN COLOMBIA. WHAT
FM (REF D) SPECIFICALLY STATED WAS: "IF NECESSARY, SOME
METHOD OF DOUBLING UP MIGHT BE DEVISED SUCH AS
RUNNING SIMULTANEOUS SEMINARS IN BOGOTA-QUITO AND
LATER LIMA-LA PAZ."

3. DO NOT INTERPRET THAT AS MEANING THE SENDING OF PARTICIPANTS
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PANTS BUT AS A PROGRAM TAKING PLACE IN BOTH CITIES AT THE

SAME TIME, WITH ONE SPEAKER OF TEAM IN BOGOTA AND QUITO
DURING THE SAME WEEK AND LOCAL TALENT FLESHING OUT REST
OF PROGRAM.

4. WE NOTICE FROM REF. F THAT BOGOTA WISHES TO HOLD ONE

SEMINAR THREE DAYS IN BOGOTA AND ONE SEMINAR TWO DAYS IN
MEDELLIN. FLIGHT TIME BETWEEN BOGOTA AND QUITO
APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS BETWEEN BOGOTA AND MEDELLIN.
SPEAKERS COULD AS EASILY COME HERE AS GO TO MEDELLIN.

5. AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, THE IDEA OF THE ANDEAN COOP WAS
TO SCHEDULE EVENTS FOR ALL POSTS, GIVING SMALL POSTS
OPPORTUNITIES THEY OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE. WHILE WE
ARE WILLING TO SEND PARTICIPANTS TO MEDELLIN FOR DRUG
CONTROL SEMINAR, AT USAID EXPENSE, WE SEE VERY LITTLE
VALUE FOR US IN SENDING PARTICIPANTS TO AN ECONOMIC SEMINAR
IN BOGOTA. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ALL ARE BACK WHERE WE
STARTED: LARGE POSTS WITH LARGE GOES, WHICH CAN AFFORD
SEMINARS, ARE STILL PROGRAMMING SEMINARS.

6. POST FEELS OUR MONEY COULD BE BETTER SPENT IN A
LOCALLY-PRODUCED SEMINAR, WITH STAG, LATER IN FISCAL
YEAR. IN COOPERATION WITH ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION
WE PLAN TRADE PROMOTION SEMINAR ON AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.
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